

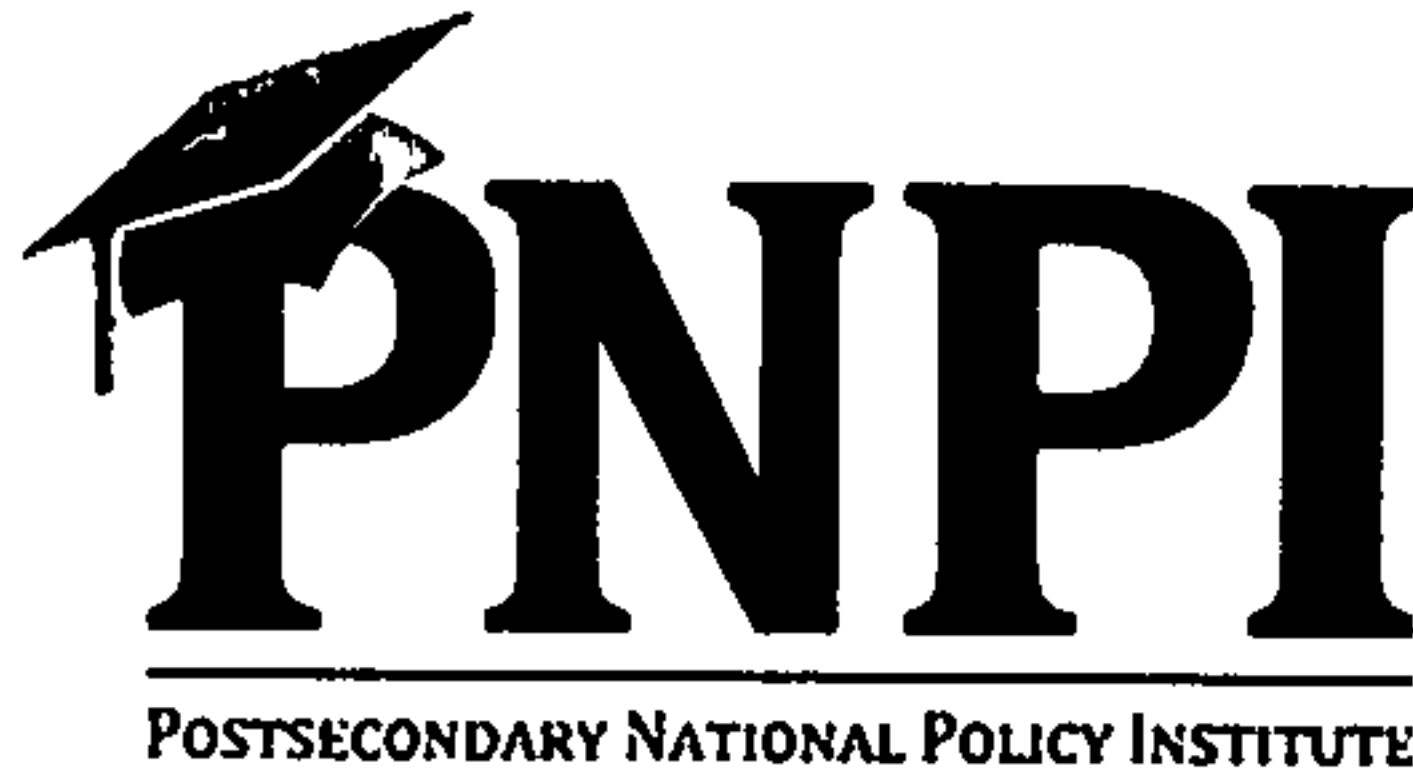
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Higher Education Accreditation Seminar

Stevensville, Maryland
August 6-7, 2019

Seminar Goals:

- Deepen staff's understanding of what accreditation is, the purposes of accreditation, and the types of accreditation;
- Review the role the federal government plays in overseeing accreditors and accreditation;
- Expand staff's understanding of institutional reviews and accreditor recognition;
- Provide staff with an update on negotiated rulemaking as it relates to higher education accreditation;
- Consider how accreditors are currently assessing student outcomes;
- Introduce staff to alternative approaches to assessing institutional and/or program quality; and,
- Discuss critiques of the current accreditation system and consider potential improvements.

Tuesday, August 6

8:45 am	Staff arrive to board shuttle Peace Circle Pennsylvania Ave. and First Street NW, Washington, D.C.
9:00 am	Depart Peace Circle
10:15 am	Arrive at Kent Manor Inn 500 Kent Manor Drive Stevensville, MD 21666
10:15-10:30 am	Check-In and Registration

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Julie Peller, Higher Learning Advocates

- What is accreditation?
 - What purposes does it serve?
 - What types of institutions are accredited?
 - What is the higher education triad?
 - What are the current roles/responsibilities of and relationships among the members of the higher education triad?
 - What types of accreditors are there (regional, nationals, specialty)?
 - What is NACIQI? How are members chosen?
 - What is NACIQI's role in ensuring accountability?
 - What is the relationship between NACIQI and the U.S. Department of Education (ED)?
 - What has GAO recently found regarding the strengths and weaknesses of ED's oversight of accreditors?
- What has the IG found and reported?

Lunch will provide an opportunity for staff to ask the day's panelists additional questions in a smaller group setting.

Staff will review the steps involved in accrediting an institution and will take part in a mock accreditation review.

Break

Staff will learn more about the recognition process and take part in an exercise designed to help them better understand how the process unfolds.

Break

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Negotiated Rulemaking

Speakers:

Antoinette Flores, Center for American Progress

Michale McComis, Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges

Questions for Discussion:

What is negotiated rulemaking? How does it work?

- **With regard to accreditation: What's happened? What's changed? What's still up for discussion?**

5:00-5:30 pm

Break

5:30-7:00 pm

Working Dinner

Dinner will provide an opportunity for staff to ask expert panelists additional questions in a smaller group setting. In addition, PNPI staff will review the learning from the day and provide a preview of the second day of programming with an emphasis on what more staff would like to know about postsecondary accreditation.

Question for Participant Discussion:

- Going into tomorrow's programming, what more would you like to learn?

Wednesday, August 7

8:00-9:00 am

Breakfast

9:00-10:30 am

Student Outcome Measures

Speakers:

Nathan Arnold, Education Counsel

Dr. Leah Matthews, Distance Education Accrediting Commission

Jamie Studley, WASC Senior College and University Commission

- How are accreditors currently assessing student outcomes?
- To what extent are accreditors doing it well?
- How else might student outcomes be assessed?

10:30-10:45 am

Break

10:45am-12:00 pm

Alternative Approaches to Assessing Quality

Speakers:

Erin Knelper, Higher Education Analytics Center at NORC at University of Chicago

Questions for Discussion:

- What alternatives to traditional accreditation exist?
- How are they assessing quality?

Lunch- Ask an Accreditation Expert!

1:00-2:30 pm

Accreditation Roundtable: Critiques & Reform

Emily Bouck West, Higher Learning Advocates

Rick O'Donnell, Skills Fund

Jamie Studley, WASC Senior College and University Commission

2:30-2:35 pm

Break

2:35-3:15 pm

Closing PNPI Session

What is your biggest takeaway from the last two days?

How might you apply what you learned to your current work?

Is there a part of the process you'd like to learn more about?

Depart from Kent Manor Inn

Arrive at Peace Circle, Washington, D.C.